

# GREENWorks

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## You Can Shower Better

It's Energy Action Month and you might be interested to know that your shower could be sending energy, water, and money down the drain each day. Showering accounts for nearly 17 percent of our residential indoor water use, or about 30 gallons per household per day. Energy is also required to heat that water, so every drop you save can result in energy and utility bill savings.

This October, in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense



Program, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is promoting Shower Better Month to encourage homeowners to take one simple action: replace an old showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model. Whether you are remodeling your bathroom or just looking for ways to save energy, water, and money, look for the WaterSense label on

showerheads that use 20 percent less water and are independently certified to provide the spray force and water coverage for a satisfying shower.

A WaterSense labeled showerhead will save the average family more than \$70 in annual energy and water costs and 2,900 gallons of water per year, or the amount it takes to wash 70 loads of laundry. With less energy required to heat your shower water, your family can also save enough electricity to run the television for more than a year, or to power your entire home for 13 days!

You can save even more on a WaterSense labeled showerhead during Shower Better month.

Visit <http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/NHisForWater/> for more information.

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